

“Oh, Lizzy! do anything rather than marry without affection.”

Jane, *Pride and Prejudice*

“In vain have I struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you.”

Mr. Darcy, *Pride and Prejudice*

“You are too generous to trifle with me. If your feelings are still what they were last April, tell me so at once. My affections and wishes are unchanged; but one word from you will silence me on this subject for ever.”

Mr. Darcy, *Pride and Prejudice*

“I cannot fix on the hour, or the spot, or the look or the words, which laid the foundation. It is too long ago. I was in the middle before I knew that I had begun.”

Mr. Darcy, *Pride and Prejudice*

Give a loose to your fancy, indulge your imagination in every possible flight...”

Elizabeth Bennett, *Pride and Prejudice*

Her heart did whisper that he had done it for her. But it was a hope shortly checked by other considerations, and she soon felt that even her vanity was insufficient, when required to depend on his affection for her—for a woman who had already refused him...”

Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

“It taught me to hope, “said he, “as I had scarcely ever allowed myself to hope before. I knew enough of your disposition to be certain, that had you been absolutely, irrevocable decided against me, you would have acknowledged it to Lady Catherine, frankly and openly.”

Mr. Darcy, *Pride and Prejudice*

“Could there be finer symptoms? Is not general incivility the very essence of love?”

Elizabeth Bennett, *Pride and Prejudice*

“A lady’s imagination is very rapid; it jumps from admiration to love, from love to matrimony in a moment.”

Mr. Darcy, *Pride and Prejudice*

“To be fond of dancing was a certain step towards falling in love.”

Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

“Give him a book, and he will read all day long.”

Charles Musgrove, *Persuasion*

“A man does not recover from such a devotion of the heart to such a woman! He ought not; he does not.”

Captain Wentworth, *Persuasion*

“I can listen no longer in silence. I must speak to you by such means as are within my reach. You pierce my soul. I am half agony, half hope. Tell me not that I am too late, that such precious feelings are gone forever. I offer myself to you again with a heart even more your own...I have loved none but you.”

Captain Wentworth, *Persuasion*

“Friendship is certainly the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.”

Austen, *Northanger Abbey*

“There is nothing I would not do for those who are really my friends. I have no notion of loving people by halves; it is not my nature.”

Isabella Thorpe, *Northanger Abbey*

“...man has the advantage of choice, woman only the power of refusal...”

Henry Tilney, *Northanger Abbey*

“I do not attempt to deny, “said she, “that I think very highly of him-that I greatly esteem that I like him.”

Elinor, Sense and Sensibility

“Marianne could never love by halves; and her whole heart became, in time, as much devoted to her husband, as it had once been to Willoughby.”

Austen, Sense and Sensibility

“It is not time or opportunity that is to determine intimacy;-it is disposition alone. Seven years would be insufficient to make some people acquainted with each other, and seven days are more than enough for others.”

Marianne, Sense and Sensibility

“If I could but know his heart, everything would become easy.”

Marianne, Sense and Sensibility

“Know your own happiness. You want nothing but patience-or give it a more fascinating name, call it hope.”

Mrs. Henry Dashwood, Sense and Sensibility

“If I loved you less, I might be able to talk about it more.”

Mr. Knightley, Emma

“A woman is not to marry a man merely because she is asked, or because he is attached to her, and can write a tolerable letter.”

Emma Woodhouse, Emma

“Why was it so much worse that Harriet should be in love with Mr Knightley than Frank Churchill? Why was the evil so dreadfully increased by Harriet’s having some hope of a return? It darted through her with the speed of an arrow that MrKnightley must marry no one but herself!”

Austen, Emma

She was feeling, thinking, trembling about everything; agitated, happy, miserable, infinitely obliged, absolutely angry.

Austen, Mansfield Park

“He will make you happy. Fanny; I know he will make you happy; But you will make him everything.”

Edmund, Mansfield Park

“I think it ought not to be set down as certain that a man must be acceptable to every woman he may happen to like himself.”

Fanny Price, Mansfield Park